

REMARKS

Please consider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks Examiner for indicating that claims 51 and 52 are allowed.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-59 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 51, and 53 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 51, and 53. Claims 51 and 52 are allowed. Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 10-28, 30, 31, 36, 42-48, 53, and 54 stand rejected.

Nonstatutory Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 10-28, 30, 31, 36, 42-48 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 87-92 of U.S. Patent No. 6,890,496. Claims 53, 54 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 93-96 of U.S. Patent No. 6,890,496. A terminal disclaimer has been filed with this Response to obviate these rejections. This is not an admission of the propriety of the rejections.

In the event there are additional charges in connection with the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-0714/LYNN-0144.C of the firm of the below-signed attorney in the amount of any necessary fee.

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